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Status of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A box useful for pizza, the box comprising:

a first portion having a perimeter defined by opposing longitudinal side edges, a front edge and a back edge;

a second portion having a perimeter defined by opposing longitudinal side edges, a front edge and a back edge, the second portion being hingedly coupled to the first portion;

a pair of side walls each hingedly coupled to one of the opposing longitudinal side edges of the first portion, each of the side walls including a removable segment that is substantially triangular in at least one plane;

a front end wall hingedly coupled to [[a]] the front edge of one of the first portion and the second portion;

a back end wall hingedly coupled to [[a]] the back edge of one of the first portion and the second portion; and

a transverse score line extending across the first portion, the transverse score line located between and spaced apart from the front edge of the first portion and the back edge of the first portion, and extending substantially between the opposing longitudinal side edges of the first portion;

the box being structured such that when the second portion is separated from the first portion and the separated first portion is creased along the transverse score line, the first portion, in an assembled condition, defines a container having an outer front wall, a hinge opposing the outer front wall and defined by the creased transverse score line, and a tapering depth that continually decreases from the outer front wall to the creased transverse score line.

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2. (Original) The box of claim 1 being, in an unfolded state, a one piece blank.

3. (Original) The box of claim 1 wherein the transverse scoreline is offset from a centerline of the first portion.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The box of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1 wherein each of the side walls of the first portion includes at least one side wall score line to facilitate removal of the removable segment.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ box ~~of claim 1~~ wherein the useful for pizza, the box comprising:

a first portion having a perimeter defined by opposing longitudinal side edges, a front edge and a back edge;

a second portion having a perimeter defined by opposing longitudinal side edges, a front edge and a back edge, the second portion being hingedly coupled to the first portion;

a pair of side walls each hingedly coupled to one of the opposing longitudinal side edges of the first portion and each of the sidewalls includ[es]ing a substantially triangular segment having an edge coextensive along at least a portion of one of the opposing longitudinal side edges of the first portion;

a front end wall hingedly coupled to the front edge of one of the first portion and the second portion;

a back end wall hingedly coupled to the back edge of one of the first portion and the second portion; and

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a transverse score line extending across the first portion, the transverse score line located between and spaced apart from the front edge of the first portion and the back edge of the first portion, and extending substantially between the opposing longitudinal side edges of the first portion;

the box being structured such that when the second portion is separated from the first portion and the separated first portion is creased along the transverse score line, the first portion, in an assembled condition, defines a container having an outer front wall, a hinge opposing the outer front wall and defined by the creased transverse score line, and a tapering depth that continually decreases from the outer front wall to the creased transverse score line.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The box of claim 1 which comprises recycled materials.

10. (Original) The box of claim 1 wherein the second portion includes second portion score lines to facilitate breaking the second portion into a plurality of segments.

11. (Original) The box of claim 10 wherein at least two of the second portion score lines cross each other.

12. (Original) The box of claim 10 wherein each of the plurality of segments is substantially equal in size.

13. (Currently Amended) A product formable into a space saving box for pizza, the product comprising:

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a substantially flat portion having a perimeter defined by opposing longitudinal side edges, a front edge and a back edge;

a pair of side walls each coupled to one of the opposing longitudinal side edges of the portion, each of the side walls including a removable segment which is substantially triangular in at least one plane;

a front end wall coupled to [[a]] the front edge of the portion;

a back end wall coupled to [[a]] the back edge of the portion; and

a transverse score line located between and spaced apart from the front edge and the back edge of the portion and extending substantially between the opposing longitudinal side edges of the portion;

wherein, when the portion is folded along the transverse score line, the portion defines a box for pizza having an outer front wall and a tapering depth that continually decreases from the outer front wall to the folded transverse score line.

14. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 13 wherein the transverse score line is offset from a centerline of the portion.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 15 wherein each of the side walls of the portion includes at least one side wall score line to facilitate removal of the removable segment.

17. (Cancelled)

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18. (Original) The product of claim 13 which comprises recycled materials.

19. (Previously presented) The product of claim 13 wherein the substantially flat portion is a base of a box including a cover which is removed prior to the portion being folded along the transverse score line.

20 - 21 (Cancelled)

22. (New) The box of claim 7 which comprises recycled materials.

23. (New) The box of claim 7 wherein the second portion includes second portion score lines to facilitate breaking the second portion into a plurality of segments.

24. (New) The box of claim 23 wherein at least two of the second portion score lines cross each other.

25. (New) The box of claim 23 wherein each of the plurality of segments is substantially equal in size.